

# Virginia's Long-Term Care Partnership

As of September 1, 2007, Virginians are able to purchase a new type of long-term care (LTC) insurance policy- a LTC Partnership policy.

The LTC Partnership is an alliance between the private insurance industry and Virginia state government to help Virginians afford future long-term care services without depleting all of their assets to pay for care. LTC Partnership policyholders who use their LTC Partnership insurance policy benefits and who eventually apply for Medicaid coverage are able to maintain some level of assets (equal to the LTC insurance benefit paid) above the \$2,000 Medicaid asset limit currently in place for eligibility purposes.



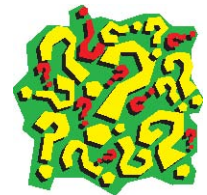
## How Will The Long-term Care Partnership Work?

For every dollar that a LTC Partnership insurance policy pays out in benefits, a dollar - of personal assets can be protected (disregarded during the Medicaid eligibility review) if the individual chooses to apply for Medicaid.



## LTC Partnership Policy Requirements:

- ☑ LTC Partnership policies look very similar to traditional LTC insurance policies except that all Partnership policies must include annual compound inflation protection for individuals under age 61 and some form of inflation protection for individuals ages 61 to 76. Inflation protection helps the policy keep up with the rising cost of LTC services.
- ☑ All Partnership policies must be issued after the program begins in Virginia (September 1, 2007).
- ☑ Per federal law, Virginia is not allowed to "grandfather" policies. Current long-term care insurance policyholders who wish to obtain a Partnership policy should contact their agent, carrier, or the carrier of their choice regarding issuance of a new Partnership qualified policy.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** What is the advantage of a Partnership policy over a non-Partnership LTC insurance policy?
- A:** Partnership and non-Partnership policies are virtually the same except that Partnership policies have the added benefit of allowing policyholders to protect a portion of their assets if they choose to apply for Medicaid.
- Q:** Will my Virginia Partnership policy qualify me for dollar-for-dollar asset protection in other states?
- A:** Most likely, although the answer to this question is not fully known at this time. Virginia plans to participate in a national reciprocity agreement that is currently under development, but it is likely that not all states will participate in this. Also, the applicant will need to meet all Medicaid requirements for the new state of residence.
- Q:** If I exhaust my LTC Partnership policy, will I automatically qualify for Medicaid?
- A:** **No!** You must still meet level of care requirements (for LTC) and the income and resource requirements (minus the amount of assets you can protect based on the amount of benefits paid by your Partnership policy).
- Q:** Which companies offer Partnership policies in Virginia?
- A:** A listing of approved long-term care partnership policies is available from the Bureau of Insurance. To obtain a copy, call or e-mail the Bureau of Insurance, or a copy may be downloaded at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/division/boi/webpages/inspagedocs/lcclist.pdf>

For further information about the Virginia Long-Term Care Partnership visit:

[www.valtccpartnership.org](http://www.valtccpartnership.org)

Or contact the Virginia Department for the Aging for a referral to your local Virginia Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) at  
1-800-552-3402



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